

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 15, as follows:

Preferably the implant comprises porous silicon. The porous silicon may have a porosity of at least 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, or higher (the porosity is the fractional void content by volume). The porous silicon may have a porosity that is in a range between any two of the fixtures mentioned above. For example, the porous silicon may have a porosity between about 2% and 80%, or between about 4% and 50%, or about 30%.